

HOUSE BILL 167

By Harwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to rules of the road.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 55-8-197.

(a) No driver shall operate a motor vehicle on any highway while using a hand held mobile telephone or personal digital assistant to transmit or receive a written message while such vehicle is in motion.

(b) For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires,

(1) "Mobile telephone" means a cellular, analog, wireless or digital device that provides for voice communication and for data communication other than by voice; and

(2) "Personal digital assistant" means a wireless electronic communication device that provides for data communication other than by voice.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.